



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held August 24, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

"Vonny Hilton Sweeney served as a Public Relations Director for James Brown Entertainment, owned by the Godfather of Soul, for more than 25 years, and was a standing member of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (NARA) for more than 20 years; and made a tremendous contribution over the years as a concert coordinator, editor of Truth magazine, Vice President of Promotion for Hugh Hefner's Playboy Record Company, producer of such acts as LACE on Polygram Records, and founder of the Annual Pre-Grammy Music Industry Celebration at Hollywood and Vine.

"Ms. Sweeney was presented with numerous awards, including those from Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, Mayor Richard Riordan, and County Supervisors Yvonne B. Burke and Michael Antonovich. Ms. Sweeney was also honored as Mother of the Year 2000 at the Annual Rose Variety Arts Show benefit for The Rose Breast Cancer Society. She was a mother to so many of her musical family in addition to being a wonderful mother to her son, Howard Sweeney, who survives her with his wife Jennifer, granddaughter Jade Sweeney, step grandson Justin McCarthy, brother Walter M. Thompson and wife Jerri, sister Barbara Hilton Brown and husband John L., sister Rose Alma King, numerous nieces, nephews and an incredible host of friends worldwide who will greatly miss her."

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried (Supervisor Antonovich being absent), the Board proclaimed August 24, 2004 as "Vonny Hilton Sweeney Day" throughout Los Angeles County in honor of her memory on her birthday and her many accomplishments.

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